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Correspondence between the Inspector General of Education to the Lady Supdt Maharam's College Mysore. Regarding the change of School hours

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos 185

Part B for Decr 1907

SUBJECT

Correspondence between the Govt of Govt & the Lady Supdt, Maharanis College, Mysore regarding the change of school hours.

From Govt of Edn no 4352 & 3 12 07 Calls Copies of the correspondence between himself and the Lady Supdt, Maharanis College Mysore regarding the change of school hours & requesting that the Lady Supdt may be censured for her unbecoming attitude and that she may be asked to withdraw the objectionable passages of the letter

To do & Lady Supdt, Maharanis College no 6249-30 & 21 12 07 directing that two & a Deputation shown withdrawn her letter no 204 & 20/11/07 & Govt & requesting the Govt to confirm the Lady Supdt that she should appear before a medical Board & obtain a certificate of physical fitness to continue on duty if she do not intend to avail herself of the leave granted

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3. To Dy Ed. - no 6031 dt 21-12-07
certain suggestions for the reconstitution of the Committee for the Maharani's College & Calls for her opinion in the matter

4 From the Lady Supdt. Maharani College - no 220 dt 26-12-07 State that she has work from the letter represents that the letter was directly associated with an appeal to Govt against the Bhabha's dealings with the College & with her and adds that she fails to understand the enquiry about her leave when she has already informed the Dy that she would avail herself of the leave from 3-1-08

5. From Dy-Ed no 5088/31d dt 24-12-07 State that Miss Palekhope will avail herself of leave from 31-08

Sec Ed no 229-07

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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FILE HEADING

Correspondence between the Dt of Erk and the Lady Supdt of the Maharajah's College Regarding the change of School hours.

From The Dt of Erk in Impore

No 4357/267 Dated 3/12/07 Received 4/12/07

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER

Submits copies of the correspondence between himself and the Lady Supdt of the Maharajah's College at Impore Regarding the change of School hours and requests that the Lady Supdt may be censured for her insubordinate attitude and that She may be asked to withdraw the objectionable passages of her letter

NOTES AND ORDERS

Secy's order "Confidential"

Submit to Dewan through the Ist Councillor at once.

(Intd) C.S.B. 4/12/07

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GO 11386 of 1 June 07
& plans of Sgt Station Reservation
thereon quoted in part

From Adj Gen to Col Supt) 3293 of 25 Oct 1907

From Col Supt to Adj Gen) 184 of 2 Nov 07

From Adj Gen to Col Supt) 3704 of 11 Nov 07

From Col Supt to Adj Gen) 204 of 2 Nov 07

From Adj Gen to Col Supt) 4117 of 23 Nov 07

From Col Supt to Adj Gen) 208 of 26 Nov 07

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Submitted for orders of the Hon'ble Member
Mng 5/12/07 Hon'ble the 1st Councillor
HB
5/12/07

In the words of the Inspector General of Education, "in the preliminary arrangements to be made for Miss Latter's work, two points were of essential importance, namely, the change of school hours and the association with her of a Lady graduate" The correspondence shows that the Lady Superintendent (Miss Palethorpe) agreed to the first mentioned point, and was silent on the second mentioned point

2 The difference of opinion in regard to school hours has been, not in respect of the Infant Primary and Lower Secondary departments which Miss Latter was to deal with, but in respect of the High School classes of which the Lady Superintendent wanted to alter the school hours also in the same way as the hours for the lower classes This change the Lady Superintendent considered necessary on the ground that, by holding the two ~~points~~ parts of the College at different parts of the day "many of the existing and necessary arrangements would be thrown into confusion" The details are not given

3 As to the 2nd point, (association of an Indian Lady graduate with Miss Latter) the probability is that this measure has been adopted by the Lady Suptt Diaries or Reports from Miss Williams who is now doing Miss Latter's work should let us know the fact But no such diaries or reports are forthcoming and the

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Orde Mr Khabba's
DC 8/ 9th Instant

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the inference is that there has been no obstruction to or handicapping of Miss Williams' work On the contrary, Mr A Narasimmi Iyengar (the Secretary to the Maharani's College Committee) writes that everything is going on most satisfactorily

4 The correspondence is altogether regrettable In Miss Palethorpe's present state of health, there would be some risk of doing her serious injury by troubling her, and Mr Bhabha can afford to be chivalrous enough to allow the subject to lie over for a little time particularly as Miss Palethorpe is going away on six months' sick leave almost immediately

5 Indeed, it is even a question whether all this fuss has been unavoidable

6 I may take this opportunity of stating that the impression which I have derived by my visits to several Girs' Schools (the Kolar school for one example, and the Maharani's College for another) is that there is in their government a little too much of what Lord Curzon would call "departmentalism"—"an intellectual hiatus, the complete absence of thought or apprehension of anything outside the purely departmental aspects of a matter under discussion"

Bangalore
12th Dec '07

First Councillor

Dewan)

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12.12.07

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OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION
IN MYSORE

Bangalore 9 Dec 1907

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of Dec 7 received today I have received no diaries or reports from Mrs Williams nor is it usual for a teacher whether Native or European to send diaries I am going to Mysore on Thursday night and will see Miss Williams & ...

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apart her work myself

Yours faithfully

H. J. Brabbs

H. Rannah Esq

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Forwarded to the Secy Commissr.

9/12/07

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Secy -
Write Miss Hare
- I have sent for Miss
& the College Committee
letter & fees - pending -
Miss Peters

11th December 1907

The College
Mysore

Dear Sir

I thank you for
your kind letter

Miss Williams work
is very satisfactory
both in her lectures and
instruction in Kindergarten
Miss Patterson readily
and heartily co-operates

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with her

high ideals as to public

life, with the highest

enthusiasm, pure character

istics of a Kindergarten

teacher

[signature]

[signature]

soon. I request you will kindly
treat my letter as of very
urgent character

Yours sincerely
H J Brabbs

Submitted to Sister
Reptile has, I understand
been submitted to him.
HJB

Has Mrs Williams 7/12
(who has taken Mrs Davies'
place) sent up any letters
Reports to the D/L about

her Comp in Myson
Ward please request
D/L to send them
up to Pensnett

Yours
H Ramsbottom
kindly write up to
Mr Brabbs on
these slips
HJB

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Secretary Received 7/12/07 7-12-07

Referring to your No of the 5th Instant about Miss Palethorpe I am desired to enquire whether Miss Welland (who has taken Miss Latter's place) has sent up any diaries or reports to you of her doings in Mysore & if so, to request the favour of your sending the same for perusal

Yrs faithfully
(Sd) H R

Reply recd & submitted 8/7/07

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OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION
IN MYSORE

Bangalore 5 Nov 1907

Dear Mr Balasundaram Esq,

I sent yesterday an official letter marked urgent complaining of Miss Palethorpe's behaviour towards me I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to treat it as requiring the attention of Government very urgently before Miss Palethorpe leaves. Even if she has changed her mind & is not leaving India

here with Kindest regards

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Yours sincerely

H J Bhabha

You will be glad to hear Mr Tata has appointed me on the Council of the Institute of Science and Dr Travers and Dr Rudolf have returned to Bombay Mr D J Tata may come with them I am shortly to arrange about the buildings

OFFICE OF
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION
IN MYSORE

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Bangalore 13 Dec^r 1907

My dear Mr Madhava Rao,

I hope you are enjoying your stay in Madras Since you left us have had some hot days quite unlike the usual weather in December, and today we are having a drizzle

I am sorry I have not been able to go to Mysore yet I have been suffering for the last three days from

severe cold & fever I hope to
post Myson on Sunday next

I wish the papers relating
to Miss Palethorpe could reach
you in Madras during your
stay there, so that if need
be you may consult the
Witness & Mr Maconochie
I have heard nothing more
about her leaving for England
As she has taken up a
more objectionable attitude
towards me, perhaps she does

not think it necessary to write
to me But I hear from others
that she is not going after
having produced a medical
certificate & asked for leave
If so, could we not send
her before a medical board?

I fully hope you will
maintain the prestige of
my office by passing suitable
orders on Miss Palethorpe's
affairs so that I may be
protected from similar
conduct in future

Hoping to see you soon

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Submitted to His Highness

Paper under discussion

I submit for orders the accompanying letter dated the 3rd December 1907 from the Inspector-General of Education complaining of insolent and insubordinate behaviour on the part of Miss G L Palethorpe, Lady Superintendent of the Maharani's College

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The Inspector-General may perhaps have couched his letter in a less peremptory tone, especially considering that he was addressing a lady, but this certainly did not justify Miss Palethorpe in assuming a defiant attitude towards the Head of the Department and refusing to reply to Mr Bhabha's communications I am of opinion that the Lady Superintendent may be asked to withdraw her letter No 204 dated 20th November 1907

Whatever the merits of the present case may be, there is no question that the relations between the Lady Superintendent and the Managing Committee on the one hand and the Departmental Head on the other have been anything but satisfactory The subordination of the Maharani's College to the Departmental Head should be laid down in

unmistakable

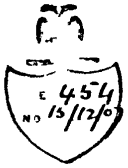
unmistakable terms and it may also be desirable to modify the constitution of the Managing Committee and give the Committee to understand that, however necessary and useful such a Committee may have been in the earlier stages of female education in Mysore, it is no longer necessary to have a semi-independent body interposed between the departmental head and the Lady Superintendent, and that on the other hand it has been found to interfere with the smooth working of the departmental machinery The members, or such of them as the Government may select, may be appointed visitors and given powers to record their opinions and suggestions in a book to be kept for the purpose, extracts from the book being sent up every month to the Inspector General for information. They may be allowed to visit the school during the working hours and the Lady Superintendent may be instructed to afford them every help in the way of making any enquiries considered necessary and to give them any information they may require on the working of the institution This will form the subject of a separate reference, but I refer to it here because I am personally aware of the existence of the Committee being to some extent responsible for the attitude the Lady Superintendent

has assumed towards the Head of the Department.

I understand from a letter received from Mr. Bhabha that Miss Palethorpe has apparently no intention of availing herself of the leave granted to her on medical certificate. She may be asked whether she proposes to go on leave and in case the reply is in the negative she may be requested to appear before a Medical Board and obtain a certificate of fitness.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject



Letter from the Inspector-General of Education complaining of insolent and insubordinate behaviour on the part of Miss G L Palethorpe, Lady Superintendent of the Maharani's College.

Order

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I agree that Miss Palethorpe should be directed to withdraw her letter, also, that it is desirable that she shd appear before a medical Board The present opportunity may be taken to consider the abolition of the Committee and the substitution of a Board of Visitors, as suggested

KRW
16/12/07

17/12/1907

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5213 20-12-07	Submitted Sir with 2 drafts Drafts approved 20 Dec 07 CBS 20/12 Issue CBS 20/12
2	G O No 6029-30 dt 21/12/07. To The Dgl of Edn & Lady Supdt, Maharanis College States that Govt have perused the correspondence with much Regret, directs that Miss G. L Palethorpe should withdraw her letter No 204 dt 20/11/07 to the Dgl of Edn and Requests the Dgl to inform the Lady Supdt that She should appear before a Medical Board and obtain a Certificate of physical fitness to Continue on duty if She do not intend to avail herself of the leave granted

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Serial Nos

To The Dy Dr of Edn in Mysore
No 6031 dy 21/12/07
makes certain suggestions for the Reconstitution of the Committee for the Maharani's College and calls for his opinion in the matter

4 From The Lady Supdt, Maharani's College, Mysore.
No 220 dy 24/12/07
States that she has withdrawn her letter No 204 dy 20/11/07 to the Dy Dr of Edn, Represents that that letter was directly associated with an appeal to Govt against Mr Bhatha's dealings with the college and with her and adds that she fails to understand the enquiry about her leave when She has already informed the Dy Dr that She would avail herself of the leave from the 3rd January 1908

5 From The Dy Dr of Edn in Mysore
No 5088/312 dy 24/12/07 States that

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Miss G L Palethorpe will avail herself of the leave from 3-1-1908 as already intimated

The D/s reply to S² No 3 Re the Constitution of the Committee will be awaited

Viewing 31/12/07

Yes 23 31/12/07

See Con 229-07

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE,

No 4252/237 *Bangalore,* 3 December 1907

From

H J BHABHA, ESQ M A,

Inspector General of Education in Mysore

To

C S Balasundaram Iyer Esq B A

Offg Secretary to the Government of H H the Maharaja

of Mysore General and Revenue Departments, Bangalore

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that in conformity with Government Order No 11386-90 / Ed 390-06-2 dated Bangalore 1 June 1907 and para 3 of my memorandum quoted in full in the above Order I had in the last week of October and in November to give general instructions to Miss Palethorpe, Lady Superintendent of the Maharani's College to make arrangements for the Kindergarten Classes of the Primary Department of that Institution and for a Normal Class for teachers in view of Miss Latter commencing work in the Maharani's College on or about 11 November 1907 Instead of thankfully and readily receiving the valuable help which at great cost of money to Government and of immense trouble anxiety and thought to the Inspector General was brought to the doors of her institution she adopted an obstructive and hostile attitude from the commencement towards the movement for reforming the system of primary instruction and in answer to my official letter No 3293 / 240 dated 20 October 1907 sent me a very unsatisfactory reply No 184 dated 2 November 1907 In answer to this reply I had to send her my letter No 3704 / 252 dated 11 November 1907, as there

there was no time to lose to make preliminary arrangements for Miss Latter's work In para 2 of this letter I showed the Lady Superintendent how necessary it was to hold the Lower Secondary Department in the early morning for the first session of the day, and leave the High School Department to meet at the usual hours from 11 A M to 5 P M , also to associate with Miss Latter one of the Lady Graduates in order to interpret in Kannada all that Miss Latter had to say to the pupils and teachers who did not know English to help her in the songs and games and in the practical kindergarten classes and especially to become acquainted with the methods of practical instruction so that when Miss Latter left, her work might be continued without difficulty In para 3 I requested her once for all to treat suggestions and directions sent to her with ready attention and compliance as there was no time to lose in discussion and her entire attitude was very disappointing to me On receiving this letter she seems to have lost all self-control and sent me her reply No 204 dated 20 November 1907 which I can not but characterise as insolent and insubordinate and unworthy of the Lady Superintendent of a College Her charges are altogether frivolous and unwarranted by facts I have answered two of them in my reply No 4117 / 384 dated 23 November 1907 In the preliminary arrangements to be made for Miss Latter's work two points were of essential importance, namely the change of school hours and the association with her of a lady graduate On both points Miss Palethorpe has been most obstructive and even now I am not sure if she has complied with my requests after Miss Williams took up the work of Miss Latter The third charge of " constant interference in details " is altogether untrue Beyond giving the above general directions on two points which were essential to the success of Miss Latter's work I have not interfered at all in any details " which ought to be left entirely to the head of the institution " There can not be a more fictitious charge

charge than this

2 I beg to invite the attention of Government to the studied tone of discourtesy of her letter No 204 dated 20 November 1907 from beginning to end, her neglect of the ordinary form of commencing an official letter, the very rude and unfounded charges she makes against me and above all to the insubordination carried to an extreme point when she contemptuously declares herself to be free from all obligation to reply to my official letters, and ventures to prefer complaints against me direct to Government instead of submitting them through the head of the department as it was her duty to do

3 I sent a reply No 4117 / 284 dated 23 November 1907 to her letter No 204 of 20 November 1907, in which I called upon her to withdraw her letter with an expression of regret Before reporting her behaviour towards me to Government I thought it proper to give her a chance of withdrawing her letter in the hope that she might return to a more reasonable attitude But in her reply No 208 dated 26 November 1907 written in the discourteous manner of her former letter, she has absolutely refused to withdraw her objectionable letter No 204 and emphasised her insubordinate conduct by representing it as an exercise of the right of appeal

4 Under these circumstances I beg to submit the whole of the correspondence noted in the margin and to report her behaviour to Government Miss Palethorpe is an officer subordinate to the Inspector General and in her correspondence with the latter officer has forgotten herself and descended to rudeness which can never be tolerated I request that Government may be pleased to take such notice of her insubordinate and offensive behaviour as it deserves not only in the interest of discipline but as necessary for the maintenance of the prestige and authority of the head of the Education Department

Letter No 3223/220 of 25.10.07 from the Inspector General to the Lady Superintendent
" No 184 of 2.11.07 from the Lady Supdt. to the Inspector General
" No 3704/265 of 11.11.07 from the Inspector General to the Lady Supdt
" No 204 of 20.11.07 from the Lady Supdt. to the Inspector General
" No 4117/284 of 23.11.07 from the Inspector General to the Lady Supdt
" No 208 of 26.11.07 from the Lady Supdt to the Inspector General

5 I must inform Government that I did not spring the correspondence commencing with my letter of the 25 October upon Miss Palethorpe all of a sudden The general outline of the scheme of work was published in para 3 of Government Order No 11386-90 / Ed 390-06-2 dated 1 June 1907 a copy of which was sent to Miss Palethorpe I opened D O correspondence with her so long ago as 3 August 1907 on the same subject In my D O letter of that date I wrote to her that a change of present school hours which were from 11 A M to 2 P M for the Infant Classes would be necessary In her reply she violently opposed the change saying " I for one must oppose it with all my power " She would not allow me to see her and personally discuss the subject of the change of hours She said in her reply " I hardly feel equal just now for personal discussion At times I have curious short attacks of faintness, which are an awkward interruption to conversation whereas I can put any writing work down for the time and take up the thread again when the faintness has passed " After that I avoided seeing her and contented myself with writing to her I went down to Mysore on the 18 August to arrange about Miss Latter's accommodation and make preliminary arrangements I could not see Miss Palethorpe From the commencement she was opposed to Miss Latter coming to Mysore first She would not give her accommodation in her large house and would promise no help She recommended that she should not come to Mysore on account of plague a possible fall in attendance a possible attack of fever to which new comers from England are she said usually subject the interruption to the work of Examinatio going classes &c All these seemed to me untenable objections As however the Maharani's College building would be taken over for about three weeks by the Palace authorities in October I decided that Miss Latter might work for a short time in Bangalore, and fortunately I secured Mr Kantharaj Urs' house for her to work in Far from"constantly interfering with Miss

Miss Palethorpe in details " I have been most considerate to her I advised her strongly to take sick leave in her present state of health but she would not listen to the advice I wrote to her on August 19 again about the change of hours and about associating Assistant Mistress Srirangamma with Miss Latter On the latter point she gave me no reply I mention these details because I want Government to know that I did all I could to settle preliminaries with Miss Palethorpe but without much success, before I opened official correspondence with her in October and yet she ventures to make an unwarranted complaint about my " constant interference in details "

7 In conclusion I have only to add that Miss Palethorpe's privilege leave combined with sick leave has already been sanctioned, and she proposes to avail herself of the leave from the 16th December I should be sorry if after the rude and grossly insubordinate conduct of which she has been guilty she is allowed to sail from India under an impression that she could insult and defy the Inspector General of Education with impunity Such an impression would make it impossible for me to work with her in future and lower the tone and discipline of the whole of the Educational service I request therefore Government will be pleased to pass an order of censure on Miss Palethorpe before she leaves and ask her to apologise and withdraw her objectionable letters No 204 of 20 November and No 203 of 23 November 1907

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

H J Bhabha

Inspector General

No 3293/240

Office of the Inspector General of Education in Mysore, Bangalore dated, 25th October 1907

From

H J Bhabha Esq M A

Inspector General of Education in Mysore

To

Miss G L Palethrope

Lady Superintendent Maharani's College Mysore

Madam

With reference to Government Order No 11386-90/Edn 390-06-2 dated 1 June 1907 I have the honour to inform you that Miss Latter will commence her work in connection with the Infant Primary and Lower Secondary Departments of the Maharani's College from about the 11th November next The present school hours of these departments will be altered to 7-30 to 10-30 A M and 3 to 5 P M To accustom the children to the altered hours I request that the change may be made from 1st November The High School and other classes will meet as at present from 11 A M to 5 P M

2 When the school hours of the lower classes are altered it is necessary that you should be relieved of the work of directly supervising them and that they should be placed under the immediate supervision of one of the lady graduate teachers who is well acquainted with Kannada and can give useful help to Miss Latter Sri Srirangamma appears to me the most suitable teacher for taking charge of the lower classes I request that you will relieve her of all work in the High School classes and direct her to perform the duties of Headmistress of the lower school under the guidance of Miss Latter and to cooperate with Miss Latter Miss Latter will be entirely free to rearrange the work of each class and

and improve the methods of teaching Assistant Mistress Srirangamma will it is hoped learn Miss Latter's methods of work and imbibe some of her spirit by close association with her in the management and teaching of the Lower Secondary Primary and Infant classes, so that Miss Latter's work may be continued after she leaves India as far as possible by the Assistant Mistress

3 Miss Latter will hold in the Science class room of your College a normal class for teachers to whom she will lecture about three times a week in the morning on Kindergarten methods and principles nature study and other connected subjects I hope as many of your Assistants as can profit by the lectures will attend them Masters and mistresses from the principal schools in the State will also be asked to attend Miss Latter's lectures The teachers who attend them will be given as far as possible opportunities for practice in the lower classes

4 For teachers who do not know English at all or sufficiently well a normal class will be organised in the Mysore Normal School and will be taught by one or more teachers who have taken the L T Degree and attended Miss Latter's lectures At the same time the teachers who attend the lectures will be given opportunities of practice in the infant and primary school attached to the Normal School It is hoped that you will direct as many of your assistants as are likely to benefit to attend the lectures in the Normal School

5 I shall be glad if you will be good enough to send me at your earliest convenience the lists of teachers you will direct to attend the English and Kannada lectures

6 Government expect that you will heartily cooperate with Miss Latter in every way and make her short visit as fruitful of results as may be possible under the circumstances I have no doubt a great deal can be learnt from her within the time though it be short In fact in the London County Council schools normal classes of a few weeks' duration are not uncommon for the training of teachers in particular subjects

7 I request that you will direct the writer of the College to

to give all necessary help to Miss Latter and also place at her disposal the services of at least two peons during her stay in Mysore There are also probably some peons in the College acquainted with gardening work The services of these men should be placed at her disposal and every help given to form a small school garden in the grounds of the College

I have the honour to be

Madam

Your most obedient servant

(Sd) H J Bhabha

Inspector General

Maharani's College, Mysore, dated 2nd November 1907

No 184

From

The Lady Superintendent

Maharani's College Mysore

To

The Inspector General of Education in Mysore,

Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to your letter NO 3293/240 of 25th October 1907, I have the honour to state that as soon as Miss Latter is ready to begin her work here the schodl hours will be altered to 7-30 to 10-50 and 3 to 5 for all the classes It will not be practicable to hold the High School classes at different hours in the morning, as many of the existing and necessary atrangements would thereby be thrown into confusion Moreover the Lady Superintendent in order to cooperate with Miss Latter, and the College writer in order to help her, must be on the school premises at the same time as she is

2 I request that one set of vernacular lectures may be given in the Maharani's College by one of our own L T teachers as I am of opinion that the female teachers attending them will in that case be much more likely to profit as they will be readier to ask explanations from a teacher ~~M~~ with whom they are already acquainted, and will also find it easier to apply the principles they have learned to children whom they already know

3 I sujoin lists of the teachers whom I consider able to profit (a) by Miss Latter's lectures, (b) by the vernacular ones If these lists are accepted I shall direct the teachers in question accordingly

4. Miss Latter will be given two of the school peons and I believe that every one in the College will do his or her best to help her

her in her work and make her visit as fruitful in results as possible

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) G L Palethrope

Lady Superintendent

Maharani's College

M y s o r e

No 3704/282

Office of the Inspector General of Education,
in Mysore, Bangalore, dated 11 November 1937

From

H J Bhabha Esq M A ,
Inspector General of Education in Mysore

To

The Lady Superintendent
Maharani's College
M y s o r e

Madam

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your somewhat tardy reply No 184 which though dated 2 November 1937 was received in this office on 8th November

2 I am unable to understand why the holding of the High School classes at the usual hours would throw the existing arrangements into confusion The High School pupils require the early morning for homework and preparation lessons while the same reason applies much less to pupils in the Lower Secondary stage and not at all to pupils in the Primary stage Moreover to enable the High School and other teachers to attend Miss Latter's lectures and have practice in teaching it would be an advantage if the special work was over before the teaching in the High School classes commenced As for yourself you are of couse welcome to attend the school during the early morning hours whenever or as long as you can Your presence however is not likely to be very helpful as you are not acquainted with the vernacular of the pupils You need not, unless you so desire, attend in the early morning hours as well as during the day But far more necessary than your presence is the presence of one of the lady graduates to be closely associated with Miss Latter the whole time to interpret in Kannada all that she says to the pupils and Assistants who do not know English help Her in the songs and games and in Kindergarten classes

and especially to become practically acquainted with her methods, so that Miss Latter's work may be continued without much difficulty after she leaves For this purpose I selected Assistant Mistress Srirangamma B A and asked you to relieve her of all other teaching work and to direct her to attend to the above special work Your reply however is silent on this subject

3 I must once for all request you to treat suggetions and directions from this office with ready attention and compliance in as much as none are made unless they are absolutely necessary for the good of the institution

4 Your second objection to hold the High School classes at the usual hours from 11 A M is that the college writer must be on the premises at the same time as Miss Latter Considering that your college writer is the most highly paid writer in the Department he should not object to attend from 7-30 to about 9-30 A M and then from 11 A M or 12 noon to 5 P M Numerous clerks in public offices often when there is necessity work extra hours in addition to the regular hours of work I cannot believe that the work of your College writer is so hard that he cannot attend for two extra hours

5 Your suggestion to have a class for vernacular teachers in the Maharani's College to be taught by one of the L T teachers of the college is a good one and I have no objection to it if you will allow other female teachers also who are ignorant of English and will come from various parts of the State to attend the class Only Miss Latter's approval will have to be obtained as she will have to correct the English notes taken by the teacher The best time for the vernacular class is 2 to 3 P.M , which hour will also be adopted for the vernacular class in the Mysore Normal School This is the most suitable hour as the teachers attending the class will be free to attend to their work during the usual school hours

6 You have not said anything in your letter under reply about a small school garden which will be necessary as one of the means

means of nature study

I have the honour to be,

Madam

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) H.J.Bhabha

Inspector General

Maharani's College

No 204 Mysore 20th November 1907

To

H J Bhabha Esquire, M A

Inspector General of Education in Mysore

Sir,

I am in receipt of your official letter No 3704/232 of 11 November 1907 and beg to say that I consider the contemptuous tone of paragraph 2 and the intimidatory one of paragraph 3 employed in an official communication relieve me from any obligation to reply to them I wish to add that such communications and your constant interference in details which ought to be left entirely to me as the head of the institution seriously impede me in the performance of my duties as a Government servant

I shall therefore forward to Government copies of the paragraphs referred to

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) G L Palethrope

Lady Superintendent

Maharani's College,

M y s o r e

Office of the Inspector General of Education in

4117/834 Bangalore, 29 November, 1907

From,

H J Bhatha Esq. I A S,

Inspector General of Education in Mysore

To

Miss E L Palathorpe

Lady Superintendent, Maharani's College

Mysore

Madam

With reference to your letter No 834 dated 28th November 1 received this morning, I have the honour to inform you that ther absolutely nothing contemptuous in para 2 of my letter No 3704 / 11 November 1907 to which you take exception In your reply No 1- 2 November 1907 you totally ignored my request " to direct Assist of Mistress Srirangama to perform the duties of Headmistress of t school under the guidance of Miss Latter and to cooperate with close association of Assistant Mistress Srirangama with Miss so essential that without it Miss Latter could not have given a cal teaching in the Primary Classes Your contemptuous silence subject which implied that you did not mean to carry out my orde necessarily called forth para 2 of my letter No 3704 / 1907 which rore urged the necessity of making the Lower Secondary and Pr Departments in the morning start from the High School Class se a existing Assistant Mistress so Srirangama as closely with Miss Any one has a right to complain of contemptuous treatment it i

the Inspector Gen ral w ose polite requ t on the subject made in h letter No 9283 / 249 of 20 October 1907 was treated with so little courtesy by you

The same want of courtesy on your part and evid nt determination to disregard suggestions and requ ts made by me were the occasion for para 3 of my letter No 9704 / 236 of 11 November 1907 there is absolutely nothing"intimidatory" in it in which you were requested to treat with " ready attention and compliance " suggestions and directions made by me Your reply to my letter No 9483 / 240 of 20 October 1907 containing the suggestions and directions worded in a polite manner was quite unsatisfactory on more points than one

2 I consider that the studied tone of discourtesy from beginning to end of your letter No 204 dated 30 November 1907 and the spirit of gross insubordination pervading it, which is greatly accentuated by your threat to forward direct to Government copies of " the paragraphs referred to " are such as no government can tolerate I now call upon you to with raw your letter No 204 with an expression of r gret on receipt of this reply If your withdrawal does not reach me on or before the morning of Wednesday the 27th instant I shall have er the painful duty of sending copies of the whole correspondence and not merely extracts and reporting to Government the discourteous ht of defiant and insubordinate attitude which you have thought fit to assume towards the Head of the Education Department I must decline res- at this stage to answer your charge of " constant interference in details " which is absolutely untrue

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Inspector General

Maharani's College,

Mysore, 25th November 1907

No 208

From

Miss G L Palethorpe

Lady Superintendent

Maharani's College

M y s o r e

To

H J Bhabha Esq M A

Inspector General of Education in Mysore,

B a n g a l o r e

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter No 4117/284 of 23rd November 1907 and beg to say that I am unable to comply with your summons to withdraw and apologize for my official letter No 204 of 20th November 1907

No threat was contained in it I have merely exercised the right of appeal to Government which I imagine every subordinate possesses

I hope that not only the present but that previous connected correspondence may be placed before Government

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

(Sd) G L Palethorpe

Lady Superintendent,

Maharani's College

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2 Drafts

File No 141-07
Serial No 2

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Diary No of letter replied to ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
( )

, *the* 21/12 1907

Date of issue 21/12/07

Signed by W.C.S. Balan
Sudaram Iyer

READ —

Letter No 4352/267 dt 3 Dec 1907 from the I.G. of Edn in Mysore forwarding for the orders of Govt certain correspondence between himself and Miss Palethorpe, Lady Supdt of the Maharani's College Mysore, and

~~ORDER THEREON — No~~

complaining of insolent & insubordinate ~~Conduct~~ behaviour on the part of the Lady Supdt

Order thereon No 6029-30 dt 21/12/07

Government have

over

SUBJECT

perused the correspondence in question with great regret

The Govt observe that the Inspector General of Education might perhaps have couched his letter No 3704/262 of 11 Nov 07 to the Lady Supt in a ~~more courteous~~ less peremptory tone, but they consider that this certainly did not justify the Lady Supt in assuming a defiant attitude towards the head of the dept and refusing to reply to the communications of the Inspector General Govt therefore must express their strong disapproval of conduct of this kind subversive of official discipline and feel constrained to direct the Lady Superintendent to withdraw at once her letter No 204 of 20 Nov 07 to the Inspector General of Education. ~~& submit a suitable apology to that officer~~

2 - Govt also desire to know whether Miss Palethorpe

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GENERAL AND REVENUE
SECRETARIAT

(*Continuation Sheet draft form*)

has availed herself or
intends to avail herself
of the privilege leave
combined with leave
on medical certificate
~~granted~~ sanctioned to her in Nos
No 5057 – Edn 124 07-3 date
30 Nov 1907 If she does
not intend to take the
leave aforesaid the Inspector General
is ~~req~~ desired to request
her to appear before a
Medical Board & obtain
a certificate of fitness to
continue on duty.

C&B
Secy

20 Dec 07

Inspector General of Edn
Miss Palethorpe Lady
Supdt Maharani's College

S&B 21/12

28/12/07

File No
Serial No

Diary No of letter replied to

Confl

No 6031 Dt 21/12/07

General and Revenue Secretariat
( )
the 190

To

J. H. J. Bhabha Esq
Sh of Edn

Date of issue 21/12/07

Signed by J. H. C. S. Bhabha

Sir

In the light of certain recent occurrences Govt. are of opinion that the subordination of the Maharani's College to the head of the Edn Dept should be laid down in unmistakable terms, and that it may also be desirable to modify the constitution

over

SUBJECT

of the from Managing Committee
of the College ~~and to~~ and
convert it from a
semi independent body
interposed between the
head of the Dept & the
Lady Supt ~~into~~ to a
~~body of visitors~~ Board
of visitors with powers
~~of inspection~~ to inspect
the College & school &
record their opinions &
suggestions for ~~submission~~
the consideration of
Govt. The members of the

2 - I am to request
you to favour Govt
with your views ~~on the~~
about ~~suggestion~~ at an
early date

I have &c

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20/12

→ present Committee
manage
or such of them
as the Govt may
select may be
appointed Visitors
as aforesaid, & given
powers to record their
opinions & suggestions
in a book & the Depts
for the purpose & that
from the book being sent
up every month & the
Govt for information
they may be allowed
to visit the School during
the working hours, & the
Lady Supt may be
instructed to afford
them every help in the
way of making any enquiries
considered necessary and
to give them any information
they may require on the
working of the institution

List of enclosures

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From

The Lady Superintendent

Maharani's College

Mysore

To The Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Genl & Revenue Departs, Bangalore

Dated 24th December 1907

Despatched

Received

General No 220

No

Enclosure No

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that, in obedience to Government Order No 6629-30 Ed 141-07-2 of 21st December 1907, I have withdrawn my letter No 204 dated November 20th to the Inspector General of Education I wish however respectfully to submit that the above letter was directly associated with an appeal to Government against Mr Bhabha's dealings with the College and with myself

I fail to understand the enquiry of Government relative to my taking leave I applied to the Inspector

P Sl-No 20, The Current Letters

General of Education for it in the first instance from 1st December and very soon afterwards requested to have it sanctioned from the 16th December instead, finding it impossible to get away by the earlier fortnightly boats. No notice however was taken of the latter request, and the leave was sanctioned from 1st December 1907. Under the leave rules, I am only required to avail myself of leave within 35 days which from December 1st would be January 4th 1908.

I may add that on December 18th I duly informed the Inspector General of Education that I intended to avail myself of leave from the afternoon of January 3rd, 1908.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lady Superintendent,
Maharanis College,
Mysore.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION IN MYSORE,

No 5088/312

Bangalore, 26th December 1907

From

H J BHABHA, ESQ M A,

Inspector General of Education in Mysore

To

C S Balasundaram Iyer Esq BA,
Offg Secretary to the Govt of H H,
the Maharaja of Mysore,
General and Revenue Dept,
Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of Government Order No 6029-30/Edn 141-07-2 dated the 21st December 1907, I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter No 4992/304 dated the 20th instant in which I have reported that Miss Palethorpe, Lady Superintendent, Maharanis College, will avail herself of the leave granted to her in Notification No 5057/Edn 124-07-3 dated

dated the 31st November 1907 from the
3rd January 1908

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
H J Bhabha
Inspector General